REMARKS:

Applicants hereby submit that the enclosures fulfill the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825. The substitute Sequence Listing and the amendment in the specification merely correct some inconsistencies in the initial Sequence Listing and the specification as filed (see details below). No new matter has been added.

More specifically, original SEQ ID NOs:1-5 in the initial Sequence Listing have been deleted, as the specification only provides the names for these primers, but not the nucleotide sequences. Accordingly, in the specification, the original sequence identifiers SEQ ID NOs:1-5 following the names of these primers have also been deleted. Original SEQ ID NOs:6-15 have been renumbered in the order of their references in the specification as new SEQ ID NOs:1-10, i.e., original SEQ ID NO:12 is now new SEQ ID NO:1, original SEQ ID NO:13 is now new SEQ ID NO:2, original SEQ ID NO:14 is now new SEQ ID NO:3, original SEQ ID NO:15 is now new SEQ ID NO:4, original SEQ ID NO:6 is now new SEQ ID NO:5, original SEQ ID NO:7, original SEQ ID NO:9 is now new SEQ ID NO:8, original SEQ ID NO:10 is now new SEQ ID NO:9, and original SEQ ID NO:11 is now new SEQ ID NO:10.

As pointed out by the Examiner, the nucleotide sequences of original SEQ ID NOs:13-14 in the initial Sequence Listing differ from those in the specification. In particular, the original SEQ ID NOs:13-14 nucleotide sequences have an "T" at position 10 in the initial Sequence Listing, while having an "-F" in the specification. Applicants submit that the "-F" in the specification is an error occurred during a format conversion of the document, and that this error has now been corrected.

In addition, Applicants have corrected an inconsistency in original SEQ ID NO:14 in the specification. The name of original SEQ ID NO:14 is oligo(dC)₁₀ A-T7 primer. However, the nucleotide sequence of original SEQ ID NO:14 in the

specification has a T following C_{10} . Applicants have corrected this typographic error by replacing the T with an A.

Respectfully submitted,

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